

MARGINAL COLUMN
By MEIR MINDLIN

TWO encounters that took place on the same day, unconnected as you would think, are related, each illuminating from its own end of the spectrum the present state of our secondary school system.

VISITING old friends, late on Saturday morning, we couldn't help being struck by their adolescent daughters' down-in-the-dumps mood. Knowing her to be a cheerful person normally, we asked what the matter could be. "Matriculation blues," she said. "The exams are only about a month away and you never had any trouble with your lessons, you always did well and pretty much took school in your stride. You're not going to let it bother you in your old age, just when you're about to be done with it. One last little push, and it's part of the moral support." "Thanks for the moral support," she replied, "but there seems to be a saturation point, and I suppose I've reached it. You know, I've sweated and sweated my head with mountains of facts and figures, shovelling spadesful of sand into your memory without end, and without much purpose. I feel. You suddenly straighten up and ask yourself, 'What for? It all just slips away into oblivion anyway the moment the exams are over. If it's a game then it's not a very funny one. All for a scrap of paper. It's a treadmill to fulfill, if you show yours.' "Well, what about literature then," I asked, surely there's some room for self-expression there." "Speaking of old age, you sure show yours," she answered, "or maybe it's because you went to school abroad. All the examiners want to know is whether we have learned up our 200 Bible chapters, or 20 Hebrew writers, how many cubic facts have been jammed into each square head. They're not interested in whether we know how to think."

LATER the same day our doorbell rang, and we admitted an old friend, a Jewish teacher with a real knowledge of and feeling for literature, and an unusual ability to communicate his enthusiasm after a brief account of the events that had filled the time elapsed since we had last seen him. He came to the door, he said, "You know," he said, "I've decided to leave teaching; not only decided, but have handed in my resignation already. I know that you're going to say that I'm a born teacher if there ever was one, but — but don't say it, save your breath. I know you're right when you once said that no one should teach for more than four or five years, that the returns are progressively diminishing after that. Anyway, I've decided to quit. I feel that the occupation is just sterile, a dead end, a pre-arranged success, a fortune without too clear a purpose. I never have a moment to myself, my evenings are taken up with marking papers, preparing the next day's lesson, a devilish grind. Classes grow in size from year to year, and soon there will be no personal contact at all. Any, you know, considering the remuneration, I feel myself quite literally being exploited, in the most elementary sense of the word. I've had enough." To myself I thought, with a heavy heart, there we are again. It's always the best teachers who leave the profession, the others stick to their last.

WE do not pretend that this is all there is to be said about our secondary education. But if we are not careful to do give serious thought to a basic re-assessment of the situation, there is a distinct possibility that these heart-felt observations of student and teacher may turn into famous last words.

JERUSALEM, May 19

Panic in E. Pakistan
As Famine Looms

KARACHI, Sunday (Reuters). — The central Government is rushing thousands of tons of grain to 45 million persons in East Pakistan threatened by a sudden food crisis. It was announced today. This is the second time within nine months that East Pakistan has faced the spectre of famine.

The Government said that sufficient food was available in the province but a crisis had arisen through panic hoarding resulting from "anti-social and subversive elements."

It was not denied that there is panic in the province.

Pakistan Hands Over
Killers to Persia

KARACHI, Sunday (Reuters). — Eighteen persons alleged to belong to a gang which murdered three Americans in Persia in March were handed over to Persian police on the border yesterday, Pakistan Radio reported.

One of them is Ahmad Shah, brother of the Persian bandit chief, Dad Shah. They are alleged to have ambushed and killed three Americans and two Persians who were travelling by jeep through south-east Persia.

Catholic Party
Forms Minority
Italian Cabinet

ROME, Sunday. — Senator Adone Zoli, a lawyer who was nearly executed for his part in the wartime anti-fascist liberation movement, today announced the formation of a new Catholic minority Government to end Italy's 10-day-old Cabinet crisis.

Mr. Zoli said his Cabinet, formed entirely of Christian Democrats, is pledged to strong support of the North Atlantic pact, and would seek votes of confidence from both Chambers of Parliament before the end of this month.

The new Government, was formed after 48 hours of sharp disagreement between President Giovanni Gronchi, left-wing Christian Democrat, who wanted a strong government to show the people the party could rule alone, and Mr. Amintore Fanfani, the party leader, who wanted only a stop-gap which would make it easier to revive the coalition.

Gronchi Wants Balance
President Gronchi wanted the right-wing former Premier, Mr. Giuseppe Pella, and the left-wing leader, Mr. Guido Gonella, given equal status as Vice-Premiers. Instead, the first list gave Mr. Pella a Vice-Premiership as well as the Foreign Ministry, while Mr. Gonella got only the Justice Ministry.

President Gronchi refused last night to accept Premier-Designate Zoli's Cabinet list because of this, saying equal status for the left-wing would induce Mr. Pietro Nenni's Socialists to abstain in crucial votes and give the Government a better chance.

However, the final Cabinet list appeared without change, as originally proposed. Main aim of the new Cabinet, which lacks seats for a majority, was announced as being to maintain political stability in Italy until general elections, due in 11 months' time.

It is believed that the new Premier may be prepared to abolish some state controls on economy in a bid for right-wing support.

Following is a list of the members of the Cabinet announced today:

Cabinet List
President of the Council of Ministers and Budget Minister — Adone Zoli.

Vice-President of the Council and Minister of Foreign Affairs — Giuseppe Pella.

Minister without Portfolio and President of the Committee of Ministers — Pietro Campalossi.

Minister without Portfolio for administrative reform — Mario Zotta.

Minister without Portfolio for parliamentary relations — Rinaldo Ossola.

Minister of the Interior — Fernando Tambroni.

Justice — Guido Gonella.

Finance — Giulio Andreotti.

Treasury — Giuseppe Medici.



Ata Workers' pickets face police opposite Ata store in Haifa. The pickets were posted again yesterday to prevent purchases being made, but there were no disturbances.

Namir Calls for Concrete
Proposals from Ata, Strikers

Concrete proposals to settle the Ata labour dispute are to be drawn up and submitted to a meeting tomorrow morning (Tuesday) in Haifa with Mr. Mordechai Namir, the Minister of Labour.

Mr. Namir requested both sides to do this at a meeting he convened in Jerusalem yesterday. The Minister stressed that he wanted the proposals to be formulated in such a manner as to permit a quick end to the strike.

Mr. Namir presided over two sessions yesterday evening in his Jerusalem office. The first started at 6 p.m. and lasted until 9.30 p.m. The talks resumed at 9.30 p.m. and ended at midnight.

New U.S. Jewish Group
Drops 'Zionist' from Title

By JESSE ZEL LURIE, Jerusalem Post Correspondent
NEW YORK, Sunday. — In the Biltmore Hotel where 15 years ago American Zionists adopted a bold new platform: "Palestine will be established as a Jewish commonwealth," a new organization was formed today designed to rejuvenate the American Zionist movement.

Curiously enough, the first step was to eliminate "Zionist" from its name. By an overwhelming majority, the name American Jewish League for Israel was adopted.

Proponents of the new name said they will make no secret of the organization's Zionist and Jewish affiliations. Since the State of Israel was born, the Zionist Organization of America has been the "leading force" in the Jewish world's support of Israel.

Despite the opposition of Mr. Louis Lipsky and a few others who wanted to retain the word "Zionist" in the title, the majority felt that the best way to attract the masses was to adopt a new name.

Shapiro President
Mr. Ezra Shapiro, of Cleveland, was elected President of the League. He said that he was not by what we will be judged whether we are the legitimate heirs to the glorious Zionist tradition.

Mr. Shapiro's officers include the most prominent officials of the U.S.A. Israel Bonds, and former Presidents of the Z.O.A. who have been members since the body became affiliated to the General Zionist Party in Israel.

They are: Honorary President, Judge Louis E. Levinthal; Louis Lipsky; Secretary, Jacob Altmann; Treasurer, Joseph S. Darrow; Chairman of the Board, Sam Rothberg; Vice-Presidents, Isidor Brodsky, Benjamin Harris, Arthur Layman, Philip Low, Dorey Stone, and J. Venesky.

Though the organization is a member of the W.Z.O. under a resolution admitting such organizations adopted at the last Zionist Congress, it will not be affiliated to any Israel party.

Eban Addresses Session
Speakers at the luncheon session included the Israeli Ambassador, Mr. Abba Eban, and Rabbi Joseph Lookstein, Mirai leader. Mr. Eban appeared despite pressure from the Z.O.A. to prevent him from coming.

A note of qualified optimism that the Israel-Arab problem may be moving toward a solution was sounded by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, President of the World Zionist Organization, at the opening session.

Returning to the U.S. after an absence of six months, Dr. Goldmann said there is reason to assume that for the first time in years the Arabs may begin to "accept the fact of Jewish existence."

Once Arab leaders accept the fact that Israel cannot be erased from the map, a "psychological basis will have been laid for an eventual settlement," he added.

Cabinet Meets
Today on Final
'Doctrine' Text

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Cabinet is due to meet in extraordinary session today to discuss the final version of the joint communiqué on the Eisenhower Doctrine. It is also expected to decide when to report to the Knesset on latest political developments, including the Suez Canal issue.

Two controversial subjects moved a step closer to the legislative stage as a result of Cabinet stormy weather. They are the questions of general labour exchanges and general health insurance.

Both were included in the Government's Basic Principles which Mr. Ben-Gurion submitted to the Knesset when the present Government took office in November, 1955.

After a lengthy discussion, the Cabinet yesterday charged the Ministerial Legislation Committee with preparing a draft law for the establishment of a general labour exchange. The committee is headed by the Minister of Justice, Mr. Pinhas Rosen.

With regard to health insurance, the Minister of Labour was authorized to appoint a committee to investigate the introduction of general health insurance. It is understood that the committee will be headed by Judge Moshe Kohn.

Supervision by Gov't
Section 52 of the Government's Basic Principles provides that the Government will endeavour to widen the scope of the National Insurance Law, in order to provide health insurance for all inhabitants of the State.

Section 53 of the Basic Principles provides that the Government will introduce a Labour Exchange Law for a General Labour Exchange administered by representatives of organized labour, subject to Government supervision.

The Government heard a report by the Foreign Minister on the results of his recent visit to the Arab League.

A ministerial committee was set up to study the organization of employment, dealing with the Arab League. The Minister of Labour was authorized to appoint a committee to investigate the introduction of general health insurance.

It said the recommendation had been prompted by "Western plans to carry Arab oil through non-Arab territory."

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U.N. Council Meets on Suez Today;
Nehru: Open Canal to All Nations

Backs Economic Side of U.S. Aid Optimism Low on French Bid

COLOMBO, Sunday (Reuters). — Premier Nehru of India said today that in his personal opinion every country should have the right of passage through the Suez Canal.

Addressing a press conference, he also said he did not see why anyone should not welcome the economic application of the Eisenhower Doctrine for the Middle East. But a military approach was not helpful and sometimes it vitiated the economic approach, he declared.

Asked what he thought would provide a solution to the Kashmir problem in the light of the Jarring report, Mr. Nehru said, "As a matter of fact, I have not considered it proper to discuss this matter even in the Indian Parliament because it will come up before the Security Council shortly."

Mr. Nehru said India had shared her position clearly. Pakistan had invaded the state and was still in possession of nearly one-half of the territory. "That is aggression," the U.N. Commission said it must be vacated.

Joint Communiqué
A joint communiqué issued today by Mr. Nehru and the Prime Minister of Ceylon, Mr. Solomon Bandaranaike, expressed "deep concern" over developments in some parts of the Middle East.

The communiqué appealed to the world powers to suspend nuclear and thermonuclear test explosions pending their abandonment.

The two leaders said that a suspension of tests would not only limit the dangers that had already arisen and help in easing world tension, but would also lead to an effective consideration of the disarmament problem.

The Premier said they disapproved of every kind of aggression and attempt to reimpose colonialism or imperialism in any form, and expressed their satisfaction at the opening of the Suez Canal.

They reaffirmed their faith in the five principles of co-existence adopted at the Asian conference in Bandung in 1955 and said that realization of these principles would lead to the establishment of co-operation among countries of which had ideological and other differences.

Arab League Seeks To
Bar Pipeline via Turkey
CAIRO, Sunday (UP). — The Oil Committee of the Arab League met recently in Cairo and recommended that their Governments forbid the passage of oil produced in member countries through non-Arab League countries.

It said the recommendation had been prompted by "Western plans to carry Arab oil through non-Arab territory."

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Saud to Visit
Amman in June

King Saud of Saudi Arabia will visit Jordan early next month, the Arab News Agency reported from Amman last night. He had originally been scheduled to visit Amman at the beginning of this month but was forced to postpone the trip owing to a recent journey to Baghdad.

Meanwhile, the Saudi Deputy Foreign Minister, Sheikh Yusuf Yassin, arrived in Damascus yesterday, and reported on the Baghdad talks of King Saud to President Kuwari.

Syrian Opposition
Seeks United Front
Syrian opposition parties and blocs in Parliament, including A-Sha'ab and the Moslem Brotherhood, are making efforts to unite their ranks in an attempt to present a strong front against the coalition of the Arab News Agency reported from Damascus yesterday.

The opposition hopes to rally 60 deputies against the 80 pro-Government groups can muster, including the Syrian recently elected members.

The first step of the new opposition combination has been to appeal to the Syrian Court of Appeals, charging that the by-elections earlier this month were invalid because they were allegedly falsified.

Meanwhile, the unofficial Syrian News Agency reported that Premier Sabri Assadi described France's latest U.N. Security Council action on the Suez Canal issue as a "desperate attempt to cover France's defeat."

It quoted Assadi as saying he hoped that when the Council deals with the French move, it will not take any decision which might increase Middle East tension.

Foreign Ministry sources in Damascus said on Friday that Foreign Minister Salah Bitar has asked for an explanation of President Eisenhower's recent statement that the U.S. does not object to Israel sending a test ship through the Suez Canal.

Bitar made the request during a talk with the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. James Moose, earlier in the day.

Egyptians Ousted After
Plot to Kill Saud
The Egyptian Military Atache in Riyadh and a number of Egyptian officers and military instructors in Saudi Arabia have been expelled recently following the discovery of a plot to assassinate King Saud.

Quoting reports from Riyadh, Old City papers said the plan was to blow up the Royal Palace at a time King Saud would be inside, just prior to his departure on May 19 for Baghdad.

It was also stated that plots to murder Iraqi and Lebanese leaders had also been discovered.

UNITED NATIONS, Sunday (Reuters). — Delegations in New York showed little optimism today on the outcome of France's effort tomorrow to get the Security Council to break Egypt's hold on the Suez Canal.

Diplomatic sources hesitated to forecast the strategy and tactics of the debate before M. Christian Pineau, the French Foreign Minister, arrives tomorrow.

U.S. informants would say only that the American attitude would depend on M. Pineau's statement when he opens the debate.

No instructions had been received from the State Department, it was learned, but America's basic position would be that expounded by the permanent representative, Mr. Henry Cabot Lodge.

The Council last met on April 24. Mr. Lodge said then that Egypt's declaration of terms for operating the waterway did not fully meet the stipulations which the Council endorsed last October, although he expressed the hope that no final judgment could be made until the Egyptian proposals had been "tried out in practice."

Egyptian diplomats in New York have shown a disposition to make light of France's move back to the Security Council and see an acute split between Britain and the U.S. on the one hand, and France on the other.

Israel sources here said Mr. Abba Eban, Israel Ambassador, had no intention at present of asking for a Security Council session tomorrow as an interested party. They said Israel was adopting a "wait and see" attitude.

On the question of sending a test ship through the Canal, it was not Israel's intention to make a demonstration but in due course, when cargo demands required Israel to send a ship through, she would do so.

It was all the more necessary for a law-abiding nation to exercise this right in view of Egypt's "clearly illegal" stand against the passage of Israeli vessels, a spokesman said.

Increased Saudi, Iraqi
Anti-Israel Drive Seen
LONDON, Sunday (INA). — Observers here see considerable embarrassment ahead for the British Government in its relations with Iraq and an associate in the Baghdad Pact and recipient of considerable British military aid and training facilities.

The communiques issued at the end of the Faisalabad talks in Baghdad indicated that Iraq would support Saudi Arabia's claims to certain Arab territories now under British control, and that Iraq would be under pressure from Iraq to renounce her support for Israel's right of free passage in the Gulf of Akaba and the Caspian.

Speculation here is that Iraq and Saudi Arabia are about to embark on a sustained pressure campaign directed against both Britain and the U.S. to cease at least their public support of Israel's navigational rights in both waterways.

SOVIET PRESIDENT
LEAVES INDONESIA
JAKARTA, Sunday (Reuters). — The Soviet President, Marshal Clement Voroshilov, left by a Russian jet plane today after a two-week state tour of Indonesia. He was seen off by President Sukarno.

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Turn Cabins into Castles
(Dutch Proverb)

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A cartoon illustration showing a boy in a fireman's hat and a girl looking at a large splash of water. The boy is holding a hose, and the girl is looking on with a surprised expression. The word "CRASH" is written in large, bold letters at the bottom of the splash.

Today's Postbag

The Weather

FORECAST: Partly cloudy and rising temperatures.

	A	S	O	D
Tel Aviv	78	80	82	84
Jerusalem	68	70	72	74
Haifa	60	62	64	66
Beersheva	70	72	74	76
Dimona	75	77	79	81
Yotvata	80	82	84	86
Arava	85	87	89	91

(A) Humidity at 8 p.m. (S) Minimum temp. (O) Maximum temp. expected today.

ARRIVALS

Mr. A.B. Kaler, Israel Commercial Attache in Stockholm, on ending his term of office, (by El Al).

Dr. S. Jankinman, M.K., from a meeting of the Executive of the W.J.C. in London, (by El Al).

Dr. Abraham Hiran, Consul-General in Los Angeles, for consultations, (by El Al).

DEPARTURES

Mr. A. Wiener, chief engineer of Mekorot and Tahal, for England and France in connection with the purchase of equipment, (by El Al).

Lidia Wisnoka, K. Pawlowski and V. Furman, of the Polish Satirical Theatre ensemble, for Warsaw after having engaged in the country for chamber performances, (by El Al).

Mrs. R. Lyons-Bergmann, Director of Malibu's Nursing Service, for Rome to attend the International Conference of Nurses.

Mr. Charles Jordan, Director General of the J.D.C. Overseas Operations in Paris; General M. Tropier, of the Joint's New York office; and Mr. S. Simon, Director of the Joint's Paris office after consultations with Government and Malibu officials.

Mr. A. Sokolnik, Director of the Rehabilitation Department of the Ministry for Social Welfare, for England and Scandinavian countries under the auspices of the U.N.

Mr. Haim Eder, the new Minister to Holland, to take up his post, (by El Al).

THE COURTS will take their summer recess from August 3 to September 15. Cases will be heard during this period only at the special request of the Attorney-General or the President of the Court.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL excavations have been renewed at Tel Gat, in the Lachish area, under the supervision of Dr. S. Yefin, Director of the Department of Antiquities.

FOUR MEN were arrested yesterday in Jerusalem for possession of and dealing in narcotics.

THREE SUCCESSFUL burglaries were carried out in Nahariya during the past two days. The thieves got away with valuables, cash and bicycles, the latter from the house of the Deputy Chairman of the Local Council, Mr. Y. Cohen.

ROAD SAFETY DISPLAY OPENS

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — A red, green, yellow, display, sponsored by the U.S. Operations Mission and the National Council for Accident Prevention.

During the past six years, despite the 42 per cent rise in population and 150 per cent increase in motor vehicles, fatal road accidents dropped by one-third, Judge S.H. Lowenberg, Chairman of the Council, told the press. He attributed sudden distinctions in the rate to the "war of nerves" Purim pranks, khamsa weather and festive raids claiming that they affected the driver's ability to concentrate.

Mr. M. Bar, Controller of Road Transport, said that there are 17,000 highway accidents annually.

U.S. Air Attache Hurt in Road Crash

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The U.S. Air Attache, Col. David Peterson, and his wife, were injured last night when their car overturned on the Nahariya road. They were rushed to the Tel Hashomer hospital.

Mrs. Peterson was discharged today, while it was reported from the hospital that Col. Peterson's condition has improved. His right hand is injured. (Rim)

Young Doctors Complain They Lack Chance for Further Study

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Young physicians warned yesterday that lack of opportunity for advanced study in Israel might result in a drastic lowering of medical standards.

They were speaking at the annual Lag Ba'Omer conference of Hebrew University. Hadassah Medical School alumni held at Hadassah Hall on the Hebrew University campus.

Dr. Uri Bazar, a young doctor serving in Kibbutz Revivim in the Negev, said he was responsible for the health of 4,000 settlers and his routine work carried him across 200 kilometers every day. He said he treated 50 patients a day as compared with the 20 treated by the average urban physician.

Dr. E. Atman, of the Committee for Advanced Study, said that the establishment of district health centres was a step to allowing advanced study for young physicians scattered through the district.

He said that in urban areas, large hospitals had a broad programme of courses and joint consultations for hundreds of young doctors.

He declared, however, that a regular and permanent system had to be evolved, especially for doctors in rural areas.

If this was not done, he would have "a terrible lowering of medical standards," he added.

Honorary membership in the Alumni Association was awarded at the conference to Dr. Z. Arvidson, past Chairman of the Israel Medical Association, and to Professor T. Grushka, Professor of Social Medicine at the University.

Addresses were also given by Professor B. Mann, President of the University; Dr. G. Mer, Director-General of the Ministry of Health; Dr. K.J. Mann, Director-General of Hadassah; Dr. E. Wertheimer, Dean of the Medical School; and Dr. M. Prywes, Assistant Dean.

In the afternoon, prizes for outstanding papers were presented to Professor E. L. Orlitzky and Prof. W. Kornblatt and for outstanding theses to Drs. A. Ashkenazi, Nehama Strauss, Uri Bazar and E. Gavriel.

In the afternoon, a tour was made of the new Medical Centre site at Ein Karem.

Israel Seen As East-West Bridge

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — By becoming a bridge between East and West, Israel may become a stabilizing influence in this part of the world, Mr. de Lespays Morrison, Mayor of New Orleans, said here tonight. At the end of their three-day visit, Mr. Morrison and his two colleagues are crossing into Arab countries tomorrow.

Mr. Morrison was speaking at a dinner given in his honour by the Tel Aviv Municipality, the League of Local Authorities, and the Israel-Arab Friendship League. He was greeted by the Mayor of Tel Aviv, Mr. Haim Levonon. Mr. M. Surkis, Chairman of the Kfar Saba Local Council and Mr. A. Anis, of the Friendship League, welcomed the delegation.

The latter was endowed with the freedom of the city of New Orleans by Mr. Morrison, who also announced that the Tel Aviv Municipality would represent New Orleans in Tel Aviv.

HALL IN MEMORY OF DAVID GOLOBE

The dedication of the David and Penina Pearl Golob Hall and Lobby took place by the presence of the donor, Mrs. Rosa Statnikov, of London, in the Humanities building on the Hebrew University campus yesterday.

THIEVES BUSY IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Thieves recently stole jewelry worth IL200 from the home of Mr. Pinhas Lavon, M.K., Histadrut Secretary-General, in Rehov Gordon. Police stated that the thieves entered through the roof. Another robbery via the roof was perpetrated at the home of Mr. Idov Cohen, M.K., where the thieves got away with IL500's worth of clothes which were hanging on a line.

Scots, Germans Win World Cup Games

In three preliminary World Football Cup games yesterday, Elre drew with England 1-1 (0-0) in Dublin; Scotland beat Switzerland 2-1 (1-1) in Basel; East Germany beat Wales 3-1 (1-1) in Leipzig.

20,000 in Meron Lag Ba'Omer Fete

Jerusalem Post Reporter

SAPAD, Sunday. — Over 20,000 people participated in the Lag Ba'Omer festivities, which began yesterday evening, lasted through the night and ended this afternoon in Safad and Meron.

In Safad today the new entrance and stairs to the "Art" synagogue were officially opened by Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nisim and Mr. A. Hachon, Mayor of Safad. Rabbi Nisim and the Mayor also headed a procession of thousands of people to the rehabilitation of the graves where, according to legend, the Hebrews studied and taught hundreds of years before the Torah was given to the Jews.

After the ceremonies in Safad, the Mayor and thousands of citizens from all over the country went on to Meron and took part in the celebration there.

The ceremony of hair-cutting of dozens of three-year-old children was performed and the visitors watched the dancing and merry-making.

H.U. Students In All Night Frolic

Hebrew University students whooped it up in a shouting rondo through the main streets of Jerusalem last night, moving down to Binyamin Yosef, where a hall which lasted into the early hours of the morning climaxed Student Day celebrations.

A cavalcade of students and faculty led the brief procession. The green, red and yellow cardboard mortarboards, symbolizing the various faculties, were precariously perched on the heads of young men and women, who marched in linked rows or danced on top of foliage decorated trucks. Medical students were led by a death's head standard, and carried in their midst a bespectacled gentleman flat on a stretcher.

Tourists and parents of students were among visitors to the new University campus in Olivat Ram in the afternoon when students served as guides.

3,000 Children In All Day Camp

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Some 3,000 children from slum areas of the city today at the camp of dawn and plucked camp for a day in the fresh green fields of the Mikva Israel Agricultural School.

The six-to-15-year-olds, representing 50 youth clubs throughout the city, put up their tents and camped with drums, footballs and bows and arrows.

Sponsored by the Municipality Youth Department in conjunction with the Ministry of Education, Camp Day supplanted the spring parade held annually on Lag Ba'Omer. Awards for sports ability and camping spirit were presented at the end of the day to Beit Tarbut Vithin, to the Ramat Ramim Youth Club and to Beit Tarbut Shikunat Hatikva.

Tel Aviv Sweeps Gadna Shooting Honours

The Tel Aviv Gadna Brigade yesterday made clean sweep of all three cups in the Lag Ba'Omer shooting competition yesterday, winning the individual, unit and group honours.

The title of Gadna Sharpshooter of 1957 went to Menachem Hoffman, who scored 49 out of a possible 50 points with a service rifle at a distance of 200 metres. Second and third places went to Amud Gross, of Givat Brenner and to Meir Bejorano of the Ort Vocational School.

All three received titles as prize.

The Tel Aviv Brigade scored 2,881 points out of a possible 4,000, to top the Yehuda Brigade by 488 points and the Haifa Brigade by 1,400. Group honours went to two Tel Aviv teams, which scored 884 points and 854 points out of 1,000 respectively, and, Yehuda team, which scored 846 points.

TEN-YEAR-OLD Marvelous

Lost was run over and killed by a Pan bus in Rehov Balaam, Tel Aviv, on Saturday.

(Rim)

Builders Strike In Bnei Brak

Bnei Brak, Sunday. — Some 500 building workers were idle today when local building contractors halted work in protest against a new Municipal tax.

The proceeds of the tax, levied on all new building, are to go towards the construction of new schools.

The Mayor of Bnei Brak, Mr. R. Aronowitch, told The Jerusalem Post the tax was small compared to that in force in Ramat Gan and other places. He admitted, however, that in many other towns, funds for new schools were derived from other sources of taxation.

Mr. R. Goldstein, Chairman of the Building Contractors' Association, declared that the tax was six times as heavy as in Jerusalem, and double that of Tel Aviv. He called the levy "arbitrary" and threatened to apply for an injunction against the Municipality and claim the return of monies already paid.

A spokesman of the local Labour Council said that the Histadrut will demand that the contractors pay compensation to the idle workers.

Civil Servants May Strike Today

Unless they alter their decision, Government officials will hold a two-hour strike tomorrow morning from 9 to 11 o'clock, the Civil Servants Union announced yesterday. The strike will be held in protest against the delayed civil service employees' demand for Government participation in travelling expenses of civil servants and from workmen.

This delay was explained by the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Y. Bar Yehuda, who was injured in a car accident last month. The Committee has, however, resumed work and is expected to conclude its studies within a week. It was learned from the Civil Servants Union that they hoped that the strike would be cancelled today.

Unions Clash On Membership

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The Civil Servants Union today sharply criticized the Engineers' Union for having supported the strike of engineers in the Public Works Department. In a statement issued tonight, it declared that the claim of Government employment for engineers was a "demarcation dispute" between two Histadrut unions and a rare occurrence.

The Civil Servants Union went on to say in its statement that the engineers' claims also opposed decisions on organization recently approved by the Histadrut Executive. The statement also threatened a strike of engineers employed by the P.W.D. where they are represented on Works Committees in accordance with Histadrut regulations.

It stated the attempt to splinter the workers' organization will be to the detriment of the working community.

A BASKETBALL and children's playground, built by the local council at a cost of IL1,500, was opened by Mayor Gershon Agron today at the Trumpeldor Hill shikun in Nahariya today. It is the first of a series to be built in the town's shikunim by the Council.

Wizo Group on Third Annual Tour

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — A large delegation of men and women participating in the third Annual Tour sponsored by WIZO in Britain, arrived aboard the "Dacota Horst" after sailing from Britain on the ship's maiden voyage. The highlight of their visit will be their participation in the 50th anniversary celebrations of the Jerusalem Baby Home, which was built and is supported by WIZO.

Mrs. V. McEwan, Secretary to Mrs. Rebecca D. Bied, has arrived by air in advance of a smaller contingent representing WIZO which will also take part in the Annual Tour.

WORK ON a branch pipeline linking the Yarkon-Negev line to Kibbutz Gai On and Kibbutz Beit Guriva was begun by the Mekorot company. The extension will be 18 kms. long and should be completed by the end of the summer.

100,000 Tourists Expected For Tenth Birthday of State

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — It is hoped that 100,000 tourists will visit Israel during the 10th Anniversary celebrations which will begin next April 24, Mr. Meir W. Weisgal, the newly appointed Chairman of the Central Committee for Israel's 10th Anniversary Celebrations, told the press today.

T.A. Firemen Get 10-Storey Ladder

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — A 25-metre long automatic ladder, to enable firemen to climb rapidly to top floors to fight conflagrations or open doors for absent-minded dropouts who forget their keys," as Mayor Haim Levonon said, was introduced to citizens here today.

With the Fire Brigade Band playing at full blast, the ladder was first ceremoniously demonstrated to distinguished guests, including the Mayor, Municipal Councilors, civil defence, police and army officers, and retired fire brigade leaders, who never dreamed such a gadget would be required for the buildings of Tel Aviv.

Outstanding among the veterans who looked skywards today, was 80-year-old, white-haired Abba Cohen, the founder of the local Fire Brigade.

The glittering chrome-plated ladder was bought by the Fire Brigade with IL45,000 provided by the Municipality on a 10-year loan. The ladder, mounted on a nine-ton truck, was acquired from the Gensink Company of Holland, whose General Manager, Mr. G. Van den Burg, was present among the guests today.

Mr. Van den Burg, with his camera slung over his shoulder, climbed the ladder speedily and confidently. On returning to firm ground, he proclaimed: "I viewed a wonderful panorama from up there."

This evening firemen clambered up and down the ladder in demonstrations in Megrahi Square, at 24 Rehov Alenbi, at the Clock in Jafa and at the Habima Square, to the awe of many youngsters.

Visit to Jerusalem Forest Project

Mr. Gershon Agron, Mayor of Jerusalem and Chairman of the Public Committee for the Planting of the Jerusalem Forest, and members of the committee, yesterday visited the forest area at the western approach to the Capital.

With Mr. Joseph Weitz, of the J.N.F. Board of Directors acting as guide, the group travelled along the nearly completed eight kilometre long road, which is to be the central artery of the project. It was built by the J.N.F. Land Development Department.

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Cables in Brief

SCIENCE — The General Secretary of the Egyptian Scientific Council, Abdul Rahman, arrived in Moscow yesterday at the invitation of the U.S.S.R. Academy of Sciences.

ENVOY — Prince Moulay Hassan of Morocco's first Ambassador-Designate to Britain, has arrived in London to take up his new post.

PIPELINE — The Tapline Company has applied to the Jordan Government for permission to erect a new pumping station at Arta, on its pipeline from the Middle East oil fields to the Mediterranean.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Citrus Problems

How much grapefruit can be marketed? (By Dr. R. Weitz, Haaretz Correspondent in London)

In the wake of the discussions aroused by Mr. Samson Dubiner's plan for increasing the grapefruit plantations, the Agricultural Attaché of the Israel Embassy in London, Mr. M. Paron, studied the world marketing possibilities of canned grapefruit sections. He came to the conclusion that hopes are exaggerated and timely warnings should be issued to avoid mistakes likely to harm investors.

(It appears that world business in canned grapefruit sections today amounts to 450 million dollars.) The total world turnover in grapefruit has reached 15,000 tons, and England takes 12,000 tons of it (Israel's share of 1,600 tons is included). American competition is difficult to match because of the U.S. Government's subsidy to exporters. There is in general very stiff competition on the English market and one must consider countries of the Commonwealth (West Indies, Honduras etc.). America has a tremendous surplus which can be canned, and should be able to compete with the surplus and this pressure will be increased in the future.

If we assume that in 1958 the European grapefruit market will absorb 10,000 tons in 1956, then Israel may conquer 25% of the demand, that is about six or seven thousand tons. Four times the Israel export in 1956, an exchange will be about 2 1/2 million dollars. This is a very optimistic estimate of Mr. M. Paron's 12 page memorandum of many figures and charts. The increased sale of Israel products depends on the lowering of prices in order to compete with the low American prices. According to Mr. Paron's summary if we use all the available fruit (wind-dried) we will be able to fill enough grapefruit sections to cover all the market possibilities in the next ten years. If, however, we decide to go high-grade and aim at the maximum 10,000 tons, 2,000-2,500 tons under cultivation should suffice. In view of these facts it seems unlikely that one can hope for a large enough sale of canned grapefruit sections that will bring sufficient foreign currency to cover Israel's needs and will make it possible to do away with subsidies.

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The reader himself will be able to judge the sincerity of this sort of "Programme".

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The Italian Government has granted two scholarships for Israel students to be utilized from July 1957 till June 1958 in the Italian Universities or in the Italian Research Institutes. The scholarships are reserved to graduates or Masters of Arts.

Interested persons must send their application to: The Italian Embassy in Tel Aviv, 76 Allenby Rd., not later than June 20, 1957, specifying the complete studies and the courses they intend to follow in Italy.

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Khrushchev's Drive for Power

Break-Up of Managerial Bureaucracy Begins

By EDWARD CRANKSHAW

LONDON (OFFS).—MR. Khrushchev had to give some ground but his main object was to break the hold of a great deal of opposition—some of it remarkably outspoken, from the managers—the great dispersal of the managerial bureaucracy in Moscow is to take place.

It is to be carried out very quickly. There were many voices demanding that the dismantling of the Moscow Ministries and their supercession by national economic councils, based on industrial regions, should be spread over years. Mr. Khrushchev said that the job, must be done in the next seven weeks. He evidently prefers a short period of total confusion to a long-drawn-out period of relative confusion. He no doubt feels that the wheels of industry can revolve more smoothly under their own momentum for a short period with no proper direction from above. Furthermore, if the operation is postponed and protracted there can be no guarantee that it will ever be concluded.

What is Khrushchev really after?

Probably the first object of all was to break the power, the vested interests, of the new managerial bureaucracy while there was still time, and to strengthen Party control of industry. But it is time to consider what, in this Party, is meant by the Party and what, under Khrushchev, it stands for today.

Stalin was First Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, as well as Prime Minister, and he governed through it. His Cabinet was the political bureau of the Party central committee, individual members of which looked after groups of industries headed by administrators or technocrats, whose job was to do what they were told by Stalin.

After Stalin's death there was a division of power. Malenkov became Prime Minister, Khrushchev, after an interval, First Secretary of the Party. For a time the dominant figure was Malenkov, who appeared to be trying, in pursuance of the natural trend of the country's political history, has often served only to obstruct the daily work of the Government.

Party leaders have used the Knesset rostrum as a convenient means of putting spikes in the Government wheels. For it was soon discovered that a government cannot rule if the population denies it the moral ground for compulsion.

Some seeds of destruction have been sown by Knesset members themselves. Electioneering has often been carried on in a superlative mood. The Government was doing everything in the worst possible way. Indeed, it was the duty of a well-meaning citizen to sabotage the Government as much as possible. A poet of national standing who went over to the left-wing opposition, argued that in the interests of world peace it was necessary to breed decadence in national culture, so that it may be more easily overturned and succeeded by the international brand of sane literature. More political-minded people were cracking in the same vein, little suspecting the real intentions of those instigators from abroad who had fanned that self-denigrating spirit.

It was only after the Third Knesset was convened that the leaders of the Zionist left-wing realized how rapidly they were galloping towards the precipice and had the good sense to rein in their horses in time. Their tactics have been taken over by the opposition on the other side of the House: the leaders of Herut leave no stone unturned to make the citizen feel his country is a hell on earth, and that the regime should be overturned by any means available. It is no wonder that some have come to the conclusion that the best way out of the dilemma is by emigration. If no moral curb is found for the destructive use of the Knesset by its members, the role of this institution is bound to decline. The control which the executive exercises over the Government through Parliament is to inform the Government of the public reaction to what the Government does. This does not mean, however, giving expression to that reaction through the channel of party spokesmen uttering party slogans and converting the Knesset from a legislative into a platform for political propaganda.

The Knesset will have only itself to blame if the Government seeks direct contact with the public, explaining the burning issues of the day in direct reports to the press and radio rather than submitting to the scrutiny of members of the Knesset—whose reactions are too easy to reveal by reading their party press.



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by Malenkov himself (who now has an expanded responsibility), another by Perukhin, himself a senior member of the Party praesidium.

Party Secretary Because Khrushchev is First Secretary of the Party and has a great deal to do with its revival as a power, because he is the man who talks most about Leninism and the inevitability of global Communism, there is a natural tendency to assume that he is a Marxist fanatic, using all means in his power to regain and strengthen active Communist control of the Soviet Union. But there are aspects of this new plan which suggest very strongly that what Khrushchev stands for is not Communism but Khrushchev—and that he is using the Party, a divided Party at that, as his personal instrument (just as Stalin did in his time).

The Party secretaries outside Moscow who are called upon to play a large part in the industrial redeployment are certainly active Party men, devoting their careers and talents to internal Party administration and organization; but they are also, perhaps more importantly, Khrushchev men. The redeployment of industry is going to give them a chance to penetrate the strongholds of the new managerial class, the real threat to the Party's continued omnipotence, as never before. In doing so they are bound inevitably to take over from the practical men of affairs with whom they have to deal and to lose still more of their strictly Party attitude. But they will still be Khrushchev men, using their positions to him—Khrushchev men engaged, on behalf of the First Secretary of the Party, in building up an entirely new and stratified managerial society which will cover the whole of the U.S.S.R.

Personal Ambitions This has nothing to do with Leninism. If Khrushchev really sees what he is at, it can mean only one thing: the struggle is not between the Party and the managers and technocrats, but between Khrushchev and certain of his colleagues in the Kremlin—with Khrushchev using a much-needed efficiency drive as a pretext for extending his own personal empire.

This is the second of a series of articles. The first appeared on May 15.



The Glass House—Tel Aviv's newest landmark, designed by architect Dov Carmi, is nearing completion at the corner of Nahlat Binjamin and Rothschild Boulevard. The all-glass facade ensures that the sun does not penetrate but enables maximum light to flood all the floorspace. With all office space already rented, the four-story Zim House has 20 plate glass show windows on the ground floor—one of them only decorated in honor of the arrival of Zim's newest ship, the "Theodor Herzl."

Readers' Letters

ATA SETTLEMENT

Editor, The Jerusalem Post
Sir—In your leading article, dealing with the Ata strike (your issue of today), it is stated, *inter alia*, that the conflict warrants a full-scale enquiry and assessment. This sounds quite reasonable indeed.

I wish only to observe that something which could be well described as "a full-scale enquiry and assessment" was already carried out last summer by a Public Committee appointed by the Minister of Labour, in an attempt to find a just settlement to the conflict. It will probably be remembered that, while the management of Ata accepted the recommendations of the Committee, the Workers' Council of Haifa turned them down.

Yours, etc.
A. LITMANOV
Tel Aviv, May 15.

MARINE EXPEDITION

Editor, The Jerusalem Post
Sir—The news that the Smithsonian Institution of America has decided to participate in a marine archaeological expedition to Israel in 1956 (your issue of today) is a matter of the greatest scientific and general interest.

It seems only right to point out that the initiative in the matter was taken by the American-Israel Society, which is the parallel organization in the United States to our own Israel-America Friendship League. The project will be headed by Mr. Edwin A. Link, Chairman of the Board of Link Aviation, Inc.

As was reported by you at the time, Mr. and Mrs. Link came to Israel last year and, at their own expense, conducted a preliminary survey which revealed the great possibilities which exist for serious exploration under the coastal waters of Israel, and possibly in Lake Kinneret as well, for artifacts preserved from Biblical times.

At that time the news of their work aroused considerable interest and a number of underwater divers indicated

Visitors' Gallery: Two U.S. Industrialists Aid Technion

Mr. General Electric

GERARD Swope who has come to Israel at the age of 64 to accept the honorary degree of Doctor of Science in Technology from the hands of the Prime Minister and Rav-Aluf Ya'acov Dori, President of the Technion, should have special reason for pride in the new honour which is being bestowed upon him tomorrow.

Exactly nine years ago, this eminent American industrialist and civic leader declined to accept an appointment as an honorary commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire. His refusal was based on Britain's policy toward Palestine, on the eve of the creation of the State of Israel. His rejection of the British honour was accompanied by sharp words castigating the "vacillating, reprehensible and non-constructive attitude" of a Government which, he added, "left me without respect for its position."

Since then Mr. Swope has watched the State of Israel grow, and has offered unstintingly of his own assistance. An engineer himself, and for almost 20 years president of the General Electric Corporation, he is especially interested in scientific and technological education. In the past few years he has established a very substantial student aid fund at his alma mater, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and also become the Technion's most generous benefactor. His special interest, he has said, is in helping to bring higher technical education within the reach of all those who have the aptitude for it.

Life President In the industrial world, of course, Mr. Swope is known as the man who made the letters G.E. a household word. He was elected president of General Electric in 1932, served until 1939, and was drafted back into active duty during

World War II. He is now Honorary President for Life. Observers credit him with the genius which made possible accelerated development of the electric industry in the U.S. He is also the author of the "Swope Plan," an economic study which was projected during the American depression of the 1930s for the stabilization of industry. He holds the U.S. Distinguished Service Medal and has received decorations from numerous governments.

Mr. Swope last visited Israel several years ago. On this trip he is accompanied by his daughter, Miss Henrietta Swope, and by his friend Mr. Abraham Tulin, distinguished New York attorney and veteran Zionist, together with Mrs. Tulin.

Maker of Eyes

MR. Alexander Konoff, of New York and Newark, N.J., visiting here to attend the annual meeting of the Board of Governors of the Technion, is the only man who can make eyes and get away with it. In fact, he has made a fortune out of it, since the Margon Corp. of Bayonne, N.J., a multi-million dollar corporation which he heads, has the unique position of being the sole major supplier of moving eyes for the doll and toy industry in the United States. Another of his major companies, perhaps better known, is the Komar Zipper Company.

But in Israel Mr. Konoff's principal interest is the Technion, of whose Board of Governors he is a member, and the Technion High School affiliated with it. He has already contributed over \$200,000 toward the school and tomorrow he will preside at a ceremony marking the turning of the cornerstones of the school on the new campus of Technion City.

Mr. Konoff had never been active in the Zionist movement, but the perseverance of Israel's people and their desire for education attracted him. As an industrialist, he has learned to appreciate the value of technical and technological skills in the building of a nation.

Started with Dollar Mr. Konoff was born into a family of nine children, and went to the U.S. in 1909 after being mixed up in the Russian Revolution of 1905. He had \$16 in his pocket, but his intuition led him from a one-man machine shop into leadership of the huge concerns which he developed.

Mr. Konoff has visited Israel many times, and plans to return often. Besides, it won't be long before the Alexander Konoff Technion High School in Haifa will be dedicated.

A.P.

At the Cinema

WITH all that bulldozing going on in the Mamilla park, one wonders whether the authorities are aware of the fact that a parking space for Jerusalem's adjoining "Cinema District" has become a dire necessity, and that the solution may be found in broadening Rehov Hillel where it runs along the cemetery wall. Such a new parking space could also serve as the central terminal for incoming coaches, the lack of which is such a hindrance for the development of the capital's tourist trade.

Genieve Gay Paree

EVEN with the highbrow "The Golden Arm" at the "Or Gil" (reviewed when first shown in Tel Aviv) my money, this week, is on "Folies Bergeres" (Orion, Jerusalem). For the "limitless stage" that Hollywood uses for its original "Folies Bergeres" stage which, though narrow, gives the music-hall numbers, so enchanting in their colour and movement, far more atmosphere than any superduper Hollywood production. Eddie Constantine, always tough and tender, is even more so this time. He kicks and kisses almost simultaneously while Zizi Jeanmaire

sings dances and looks adorable in an utterly un-Hollywood way.

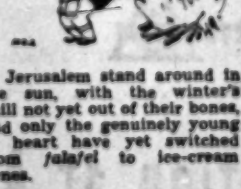
Collected Neuroses

"I'll Cry Tomorrow," held I over for a second week at the Eden cinema (Jerusalem) contains just about every neurosis in the American book and, adhering to Bill Roth's bestseller, even offers a genuine, one might almost say, a re-take of an old theme, the terrorization of an innocent family by a group of gun-crazy gangsters. It is surprising that after so many others like it, the film still manages to bring up a gripping tension. There are some interesting scenes of obviously genuine American police procedure—evidently meant to prove that crime doesn't pay, and the gentleman of the press display commendable restraint, perhaps also meant to be educational. John Kelly and Hildy Parks are good as the harassed couple.

T.A.F.M.

KEEPING POSTED

It is all very well for the meteorologists to say that it was just as cool on May 17, 1904, and even colder on May 22, 1911, and offer similar fascinating pieces of information, but as far as the public has been concerned, it has been an unnaturally cold spring, and that is all there is to it. People



in Jerusalem stand around in the sun, with the winter's chill not yet out of their bones, and only the genuinely young in heart have yet switched from *jakel* to ice-cream cones.

But it made a pleasant Lag Ba'Omer. Usually the heat of the bonfires is oppressive. There is none of the pleasure of watching your way out of the flames. Anywhere near the fire it becomes uncomfortably hot and even the half-baked potatoes are more of a ritual than a delicacy. This year it was different. A definitely chilly wind blew hard enough to keep the fire lively. The children had been persuaded into taking the bonfire. The fire was a comfort. The final stamp of success was impressed on them when we saw a small boy warming his back against the fire in the approved manner.

STUDENT Day in Jerusalem also takes place on around Lag Ba'Omer, having this year expanded to four days or so, which seems to some more time than is needed for the students to celebrate their own existence. They have distributed a small black-bordered mourning notice for their annual Sports Day, which could not take place because the stadium is already being prepared for the mass of festivities that will envelop Independence Day next year. They pointed out that the inter-departmental athletic competitions are the main attraction of Students' Day, and that as work on the stadium has only just begun, it could have been postponed for another fortnight. We mention this at some length, for unless the Anniversary Committee is careful, everything will be turned upside down for the celebrations.

to such an extent that, well before the year is up, many Israelis will have gone into hibernation until it is all over, and the expected tourists will find only the bare bones of committees to welcome them.

THE demand for Mr. Hana's "100 Hours to Live" book, I am indeed very pleased to be able to tell you, is already a very good sign. I am sure that I shall keep some for my own library to read when the time comes about the unsatisfactory progress of Israel's soldiers. I remember with a touch of pride the time I served in the Jewish Brigade during World War II. They were very good chaps, though they seem much better now. Anyway it is not my intention to dwell here with my own experiences, which I am sure would not interest you in the least.

After that he goes on to order the final picture album.

THE following was overheard in a short taxi in Tel Aviv on a Friday afternoon:

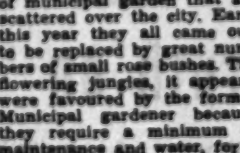
Driver: (to a bearded, black-haired passenger) Excuse me, but could you tell me

what time the Sabbath begins today?

Passenger: Oh, you still have over half an hour to go. (Fondly) You keep the Sabbath, don't you?

Driver: Well, not exactly. I only wanted to make sure when to start taking the higher Sabbath fare.

COME people were sorry to see the jungle of flowering bushes disappear that have been growing over the past few years in the small patches



of municipal garden that are scattered over the city. Early this year they all came out, to be replaced by great numbers of small rose bushes. The flowering jungles, it appears, were favoured by the former Municipal gardeners because they require a minimum of maintenance and water, for a maximum of greenery. Now there has been a change in policy, and the spaces are to be kept open and airy and filled with fragrant flowers, possibly for next year's tourists. The question of whether roses in public gardens would fall prey to thieves was solved a few years ago by the Mayor of Haifa, Mr. Abba Khouahy. He declared that if you planted enough roses, "till there are as many roses as there are people," then, like the stones, they would be allowed to stay in their places. What is more, it worked.

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